WE'VE GOT THE HOT NEW TRACK BY WINDELUA ARGASOLWAY, THE ONE THEY CALL THE ELLA FITZGERALD OF THE BEYOND, COMING TO YOU IN A HIGH-RES REMIX COURTESY OF DJ SAKAKI-MOTO.
A WORTHY ANTHEM FOR THIS CHAOTIC NEW ERA WE'RE LIVING IN.
ENJOY, BUT DO WATCH OUT FOR HER SUPER-IRREGULAR SOUND WAVES NOW.
HERE'S "BESIDE THE WHITE DARK-NESS".

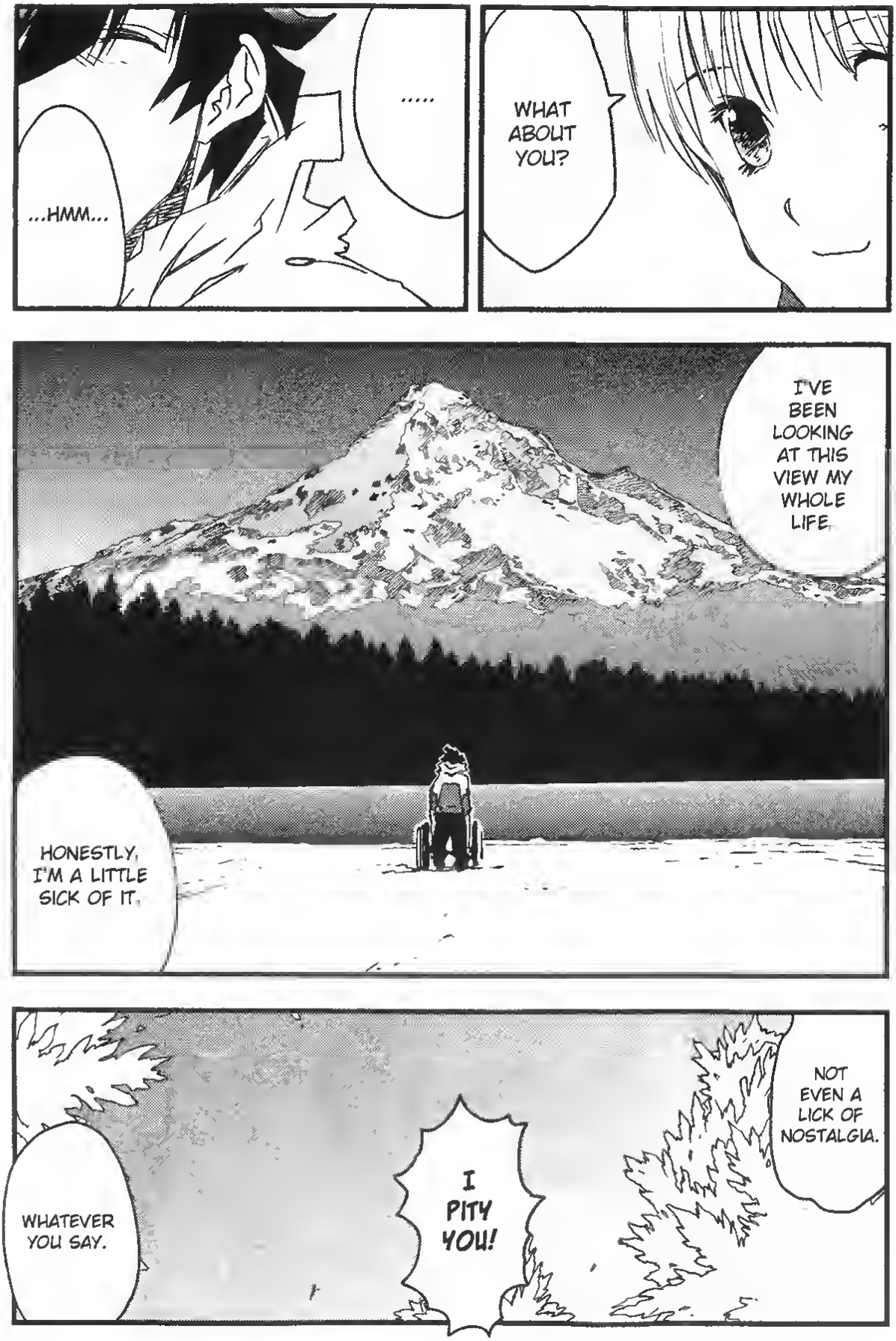
Chapter-4

LET'S VANISH INTO THE WHITE WORLD
LET'S VANISH INTO THE WHITE WORLD
JUST LIKE SLEEPING, THE SOUND OF YOUR FOOTSTEPS ECHOING WITH MINE
WHERE THE MOONLIGHT WON'T REACH, ON ROADS UNTOUCHED BY THE SUN
IT'S MY THOUGHTS FOR YOU THAT COLORED ME
AND I NOTICED
MYSELF, BECOMING TRANSPARENT
THE SMOKE FROM MY CIGARETTE CREATES SHADOWS BEYOND MY FINGERTIPS
ON THE MORNING WHEN I'VE LET EVERYTHING GO

I CAN'T GET A CAB.
...THERE ARE TOO MANY RUBBER-NECKERS.
ALRIGHT.
WALK TO A MORE SECLUDED AREA.
WHAT?
BY THE WAY,
LEONARDO.

IT SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING, BUT...
DON'T EVEN THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CROWD TO RUN AWAY.
THERE'S NO WAY ...!!
I'M NOT LEAVING MY SISTER BEHIND.
THAT'S TRUE.
I'M RELIEVED THEN.
.....
MICH-ELLA...

BIG BRO-
THER.
YOU REALLY...
I SUPPOSE.
LIKE THIS PLACE, HUH?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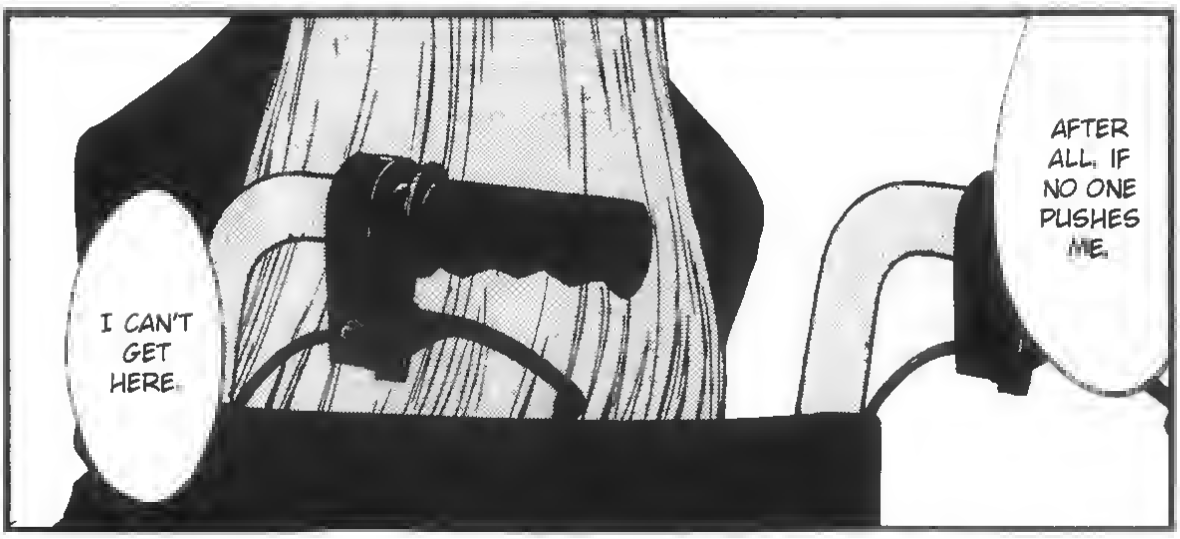
...HMM...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS VIEW MY WHOLE LIFE.
HONESTLY, I'M A LITTLE SICK OF IT.
NOT EVEN A LICK OF NOSTALGIA.
I PITY YOU!
WHATEVER YOU SAY.

THANK YOU.
EVEN IF YOU'RE SICK OF IT,
YOU'LL STILL COME AS LONG AS I SAY SO.

I'M SO SPOILED.
BECAUSE
WHENEVER I'M HERE, I'LL ALWAYS HAVE COMPANY.


AFTER ALL, IF NO ONE PUSHES ME,
I CAN'T GET HERE.

SINCE ...!
I'M ...!
STUCK! ON! THIS! THING ...!!
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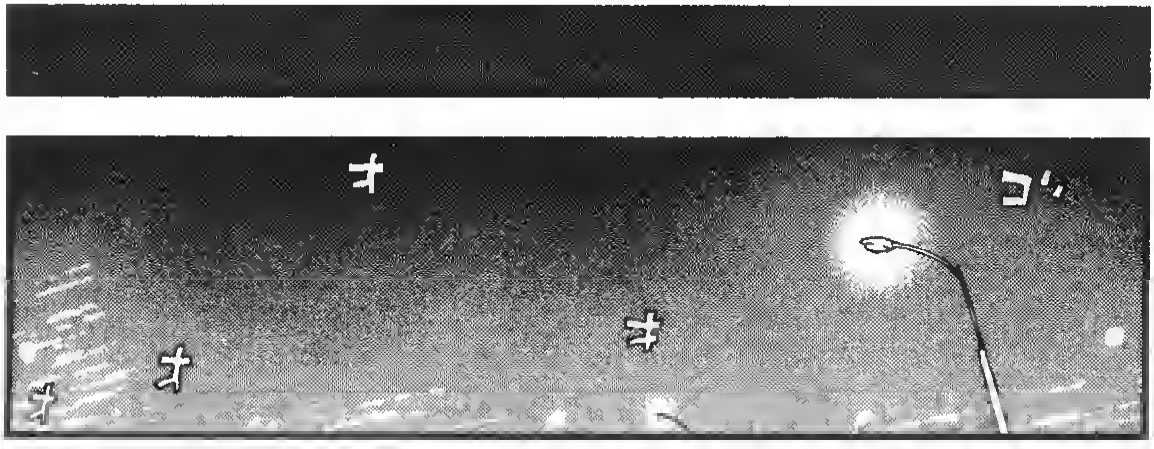
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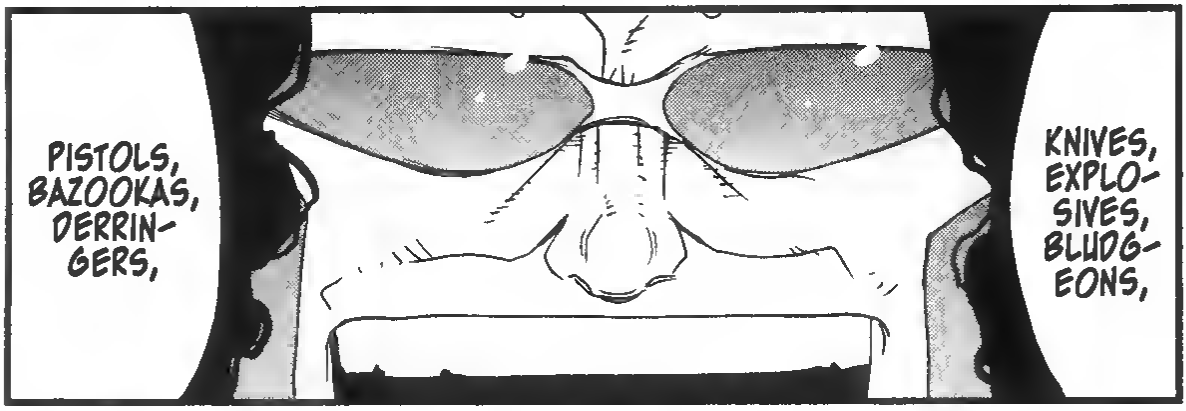
BESIDES "NOT RUNNING AWAY".
IS THERE
NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO?

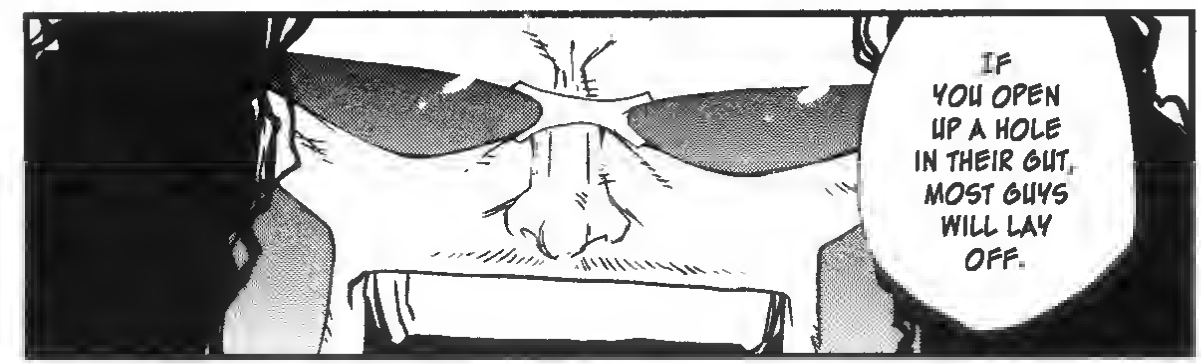
FIGHT?
YOU?
NO WAY, NO WAY, NO WAY.
IT DEPENDS ON YOUR OPPONENT, BUT...
IN THIS CITY, YOU'D EITHER GET KILLED IN 5 SECONDS, OR DIE AFTER A LONG AND BRUTAL THRASHING.
THOSE ARE YOUR OPTIONS.
ARM UP!
AREN'T I ALWAYS SAYIN' I WANNA HELP YOU OUT?

SET THAT AS YOUR OBJECTIVE.
IN YOUR CASE, THAT WOULD BE STAYING ALIVE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.
YOU SHOULD DO WHAT'S MOST EFFECTIVE.


PISTOLS, BAZOOKAS, DERRIN-GERS,
KNIVES, EXPLO-SIVES, BLUDG-EONS,

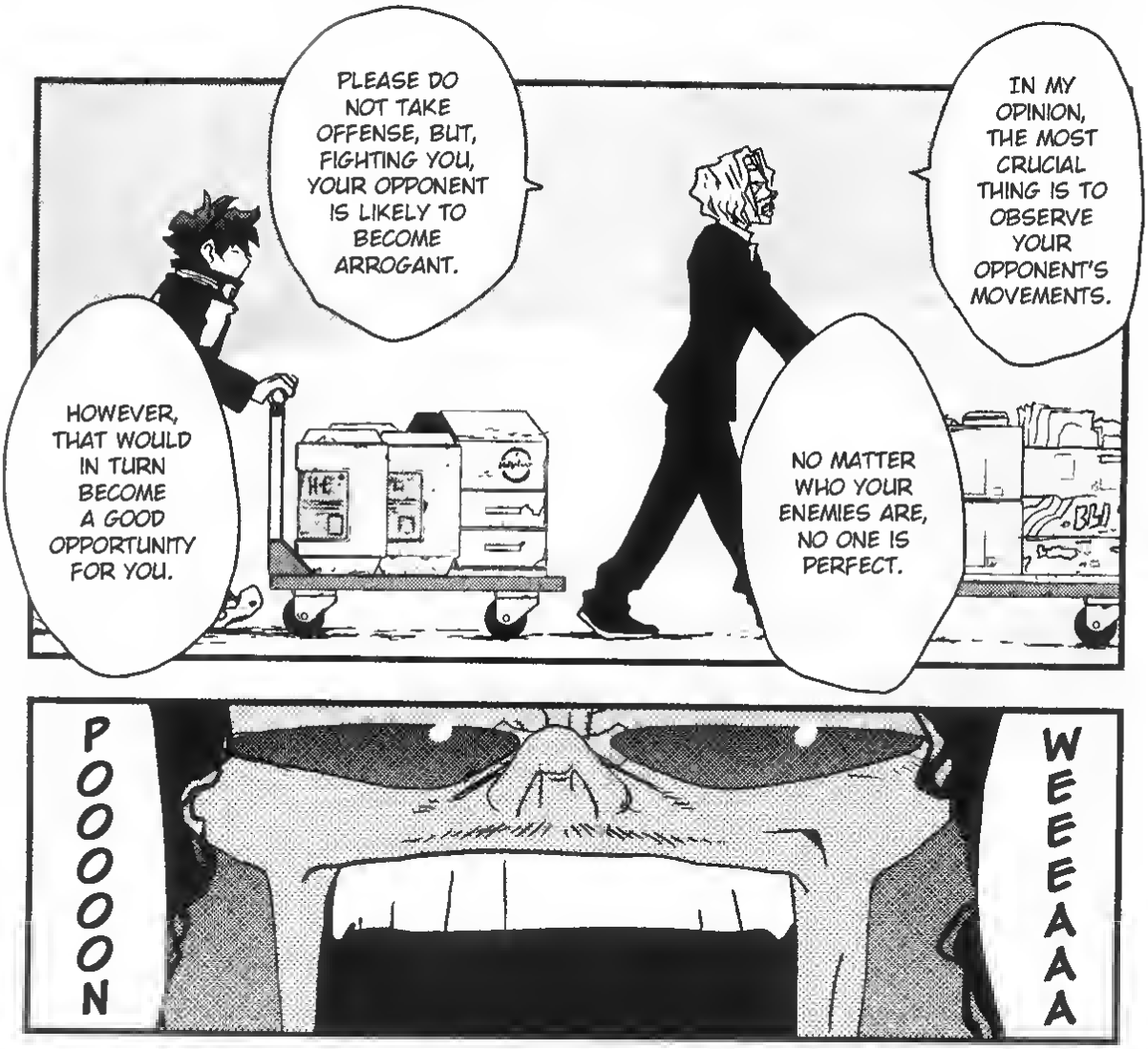
IF YOUR OPPONENT IS AN IDIOT, IT'S A WASTE OF TIME.
THAT'S WHAT I DO, ANYWAY.
WHY NOT JUST DISAPPEAR?

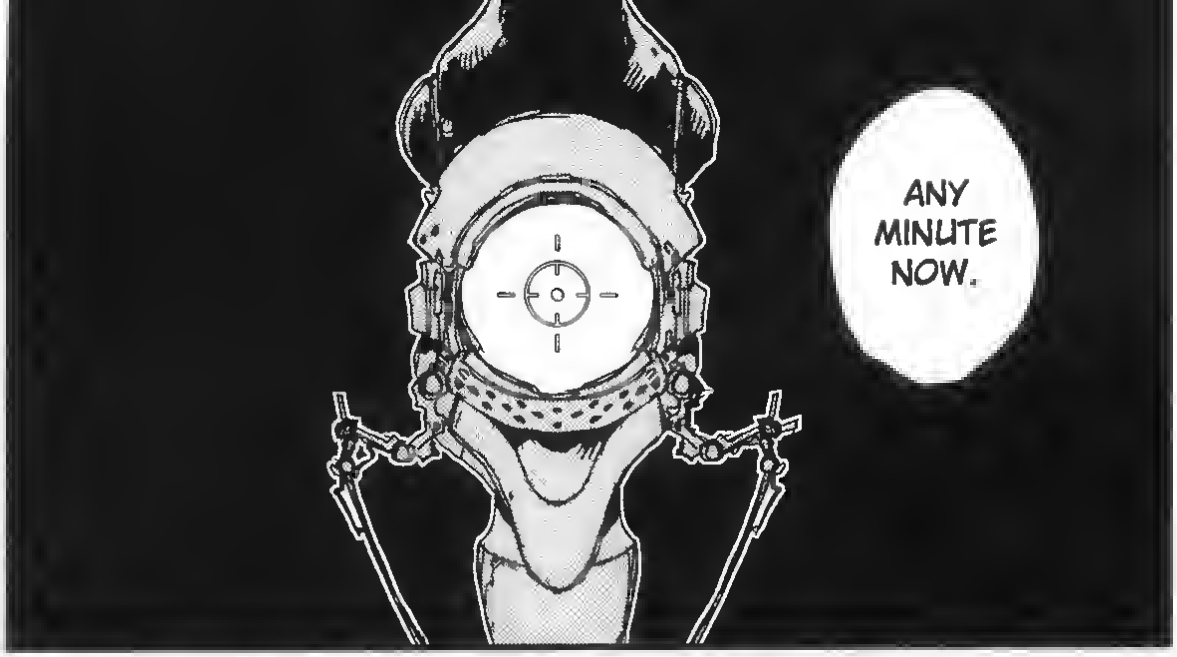
I'LL TEAR THAT GUY A NEW ONE,
BEFORE HE HAS THE CHANCE TO TAKE A SINGLE SIP OF HIS CAPPUCCINO GRANDE!
REMEMBER, YOU HAVE TO TELL ME!

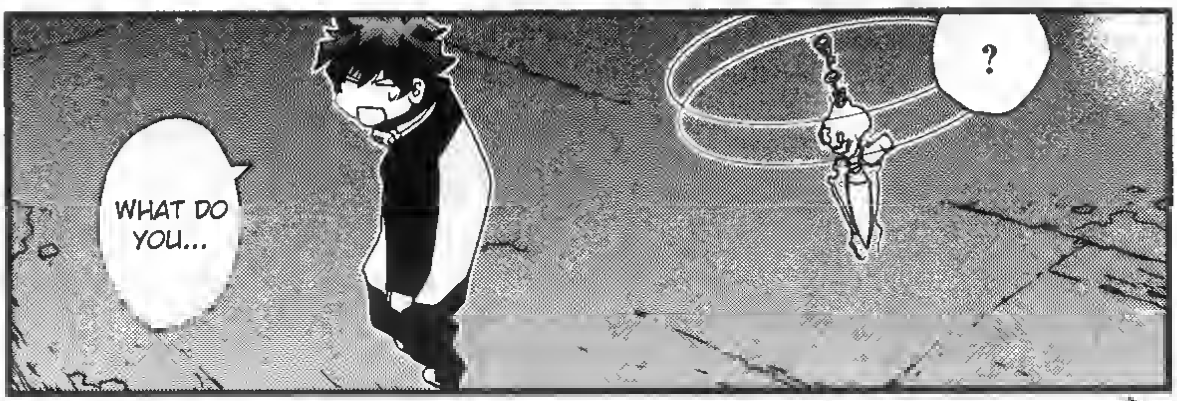

IF YOU OPEN UP A HOLE IN THEIR GUT, MOST GUYS WILL LAY OFF.

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
ITS BULLETS EXPLODE SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE THE REMAINS!

IT MAY SEEM LIKE AN INVASION OF PRIVACY.
BUT IT'S FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY.
NO MATTER WHAT, ALWAYS KEEP YOUR GPS ON.


PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OFFENSE, BUT, FIGHTING YOU, YOUR OPPONENT IS LIKELY TO BECOME ARROGANT.
IN MY OPINION, THE MOST CRUCIAL THING IS TO OBSERVE YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVEMENTS.
HOWEVER, THAT WOULD IN TURN BECOME A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.
NO MATTER WHO YOUR ENEMIES ARE, NO ONE IS PERFECT.
POOOOON
WEEEAAA
CONTACT US THROUGH ANY MEANS POSSIBLE.
THEN, WE WILL CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL THREATS TOGETHER.
THIS IS AN ORDER.


ANY MINUTE NOW.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WHAT DO YOU...

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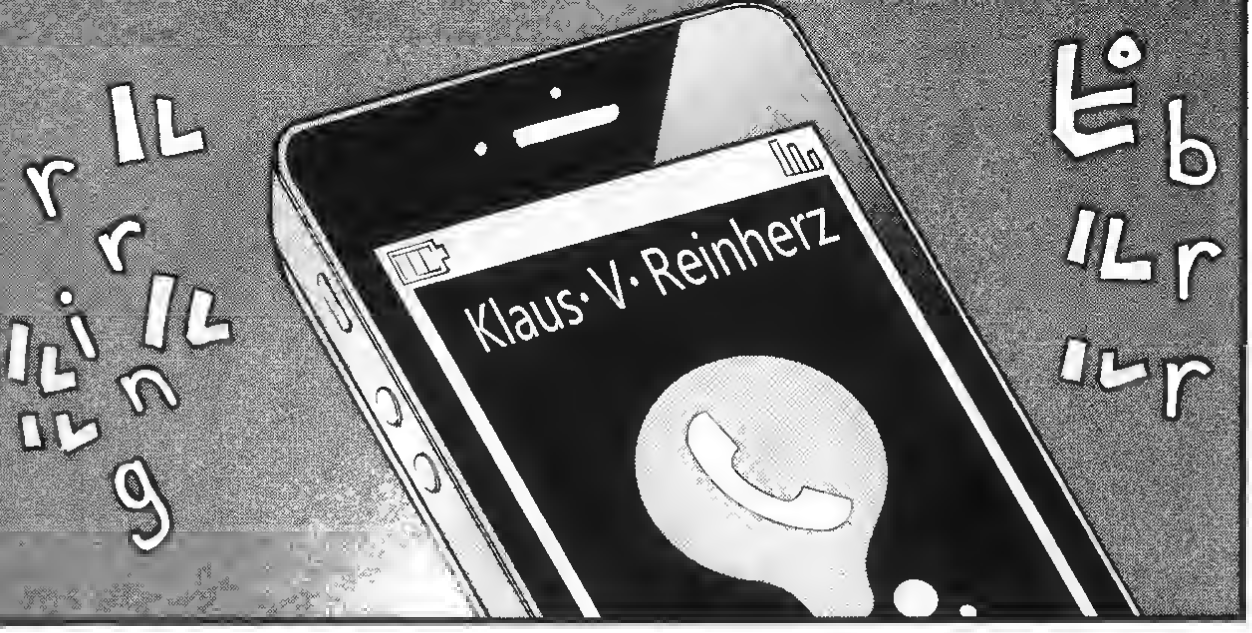
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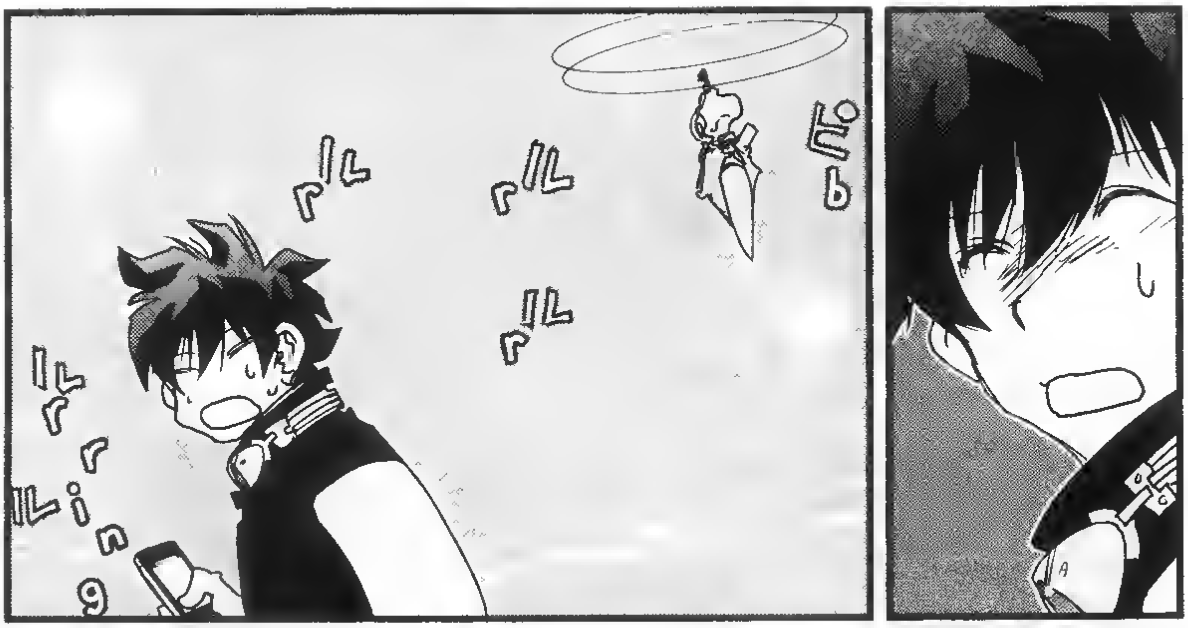

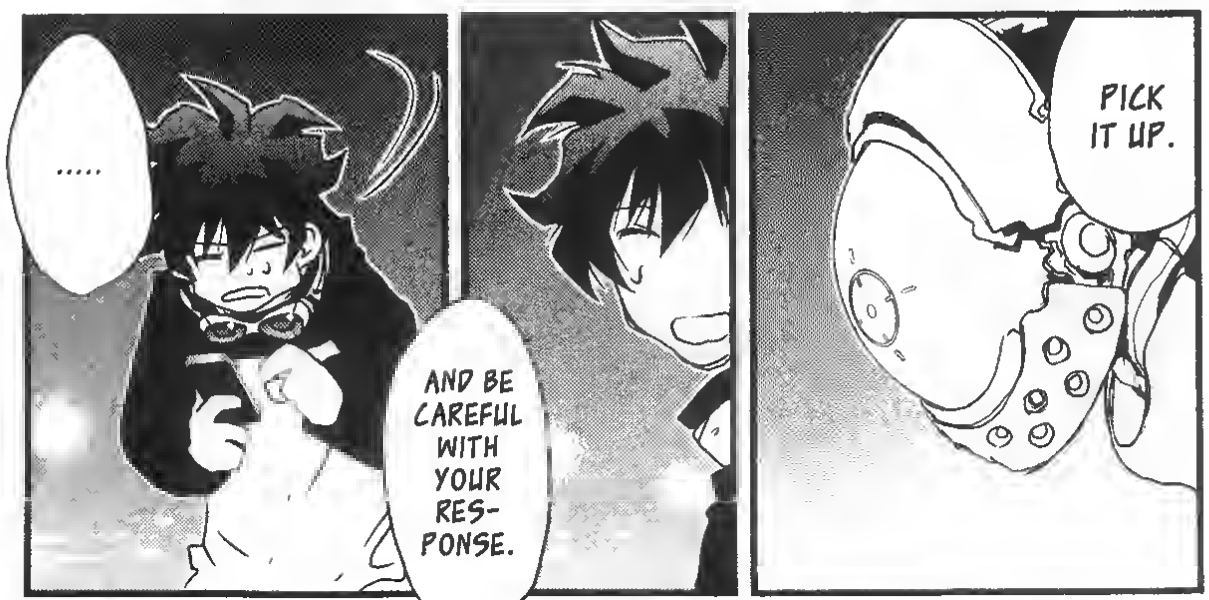
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AND BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR RES-PONSE.
PICK IT UP.

MR. KLAUS,
HELLO,
YES,
YOU LOOKED BUSY, SO...
YES,
YES,
SORRY,
YES.
YES.
YES.
BYE THEN.
I'M SORRY, IT'S FINE.
BOOP
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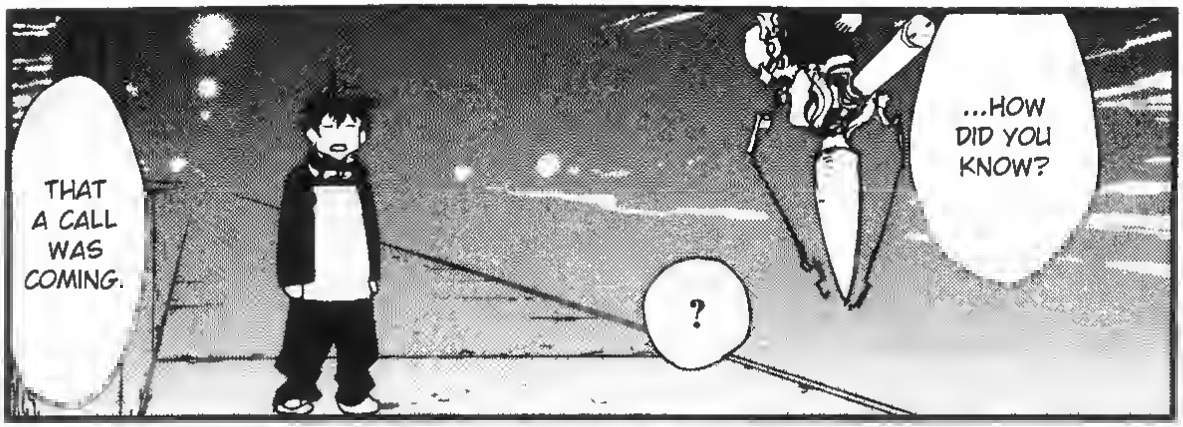
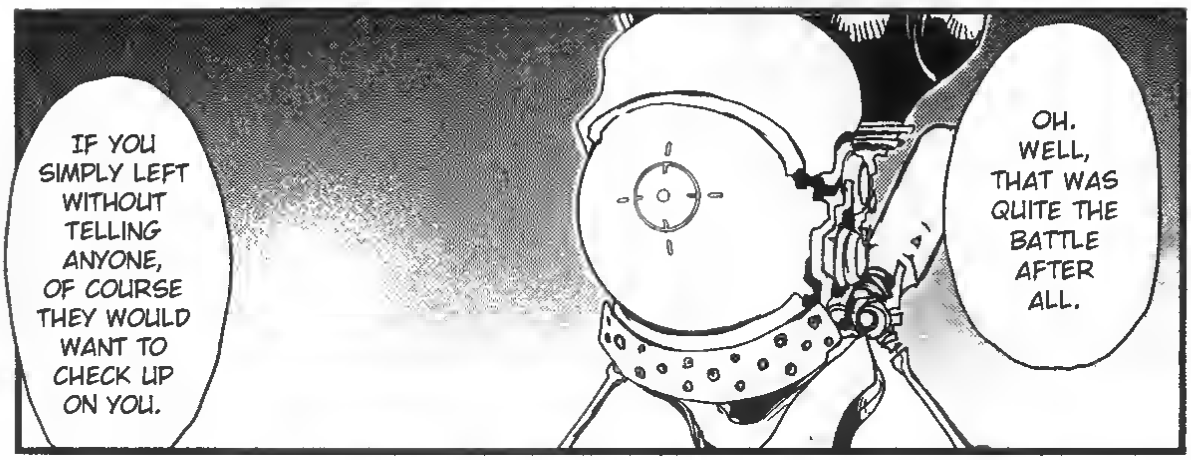
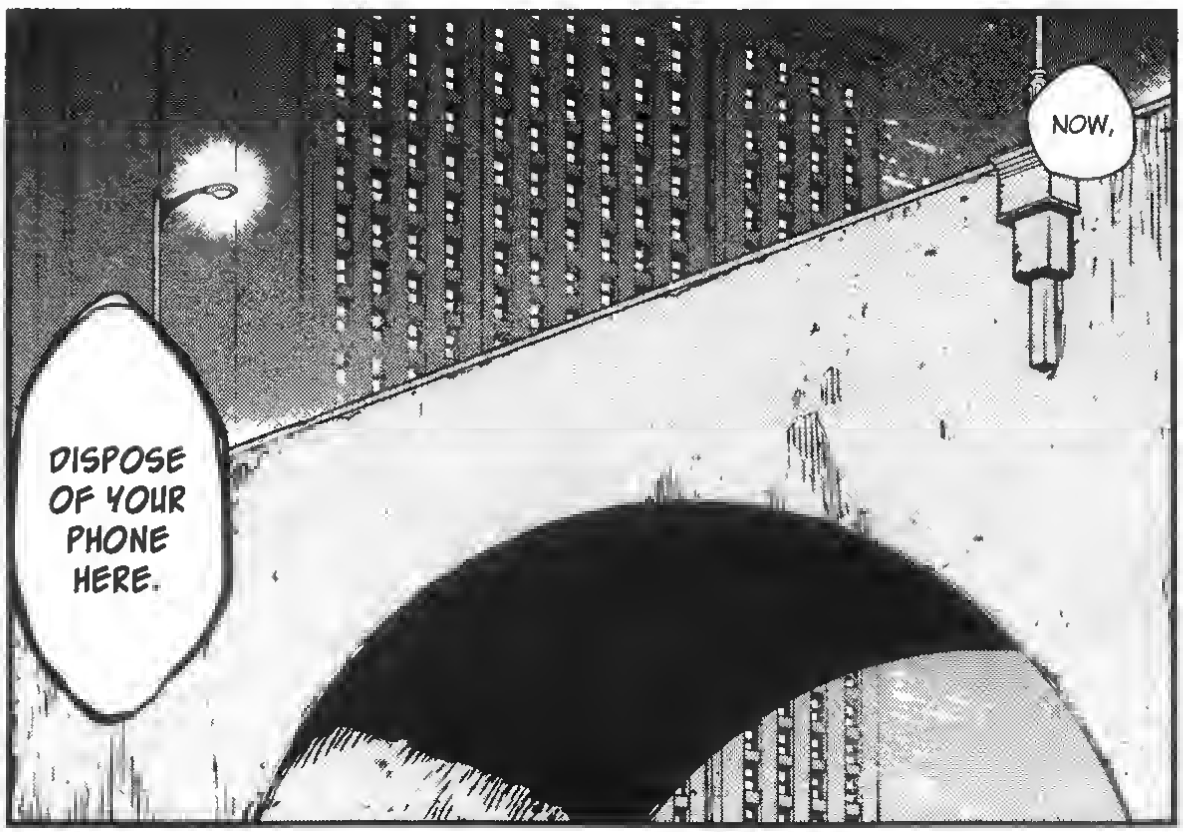
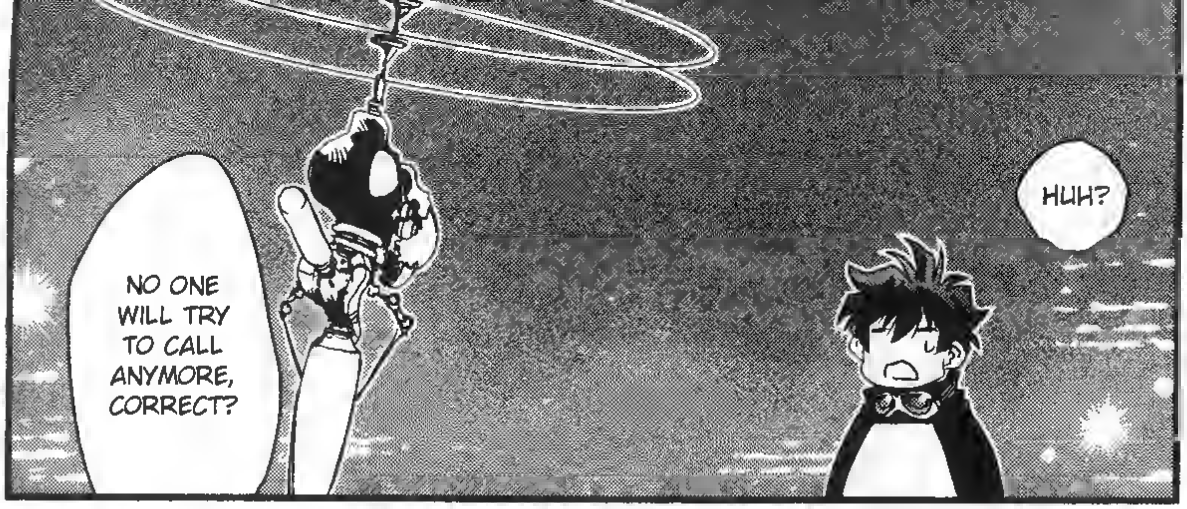
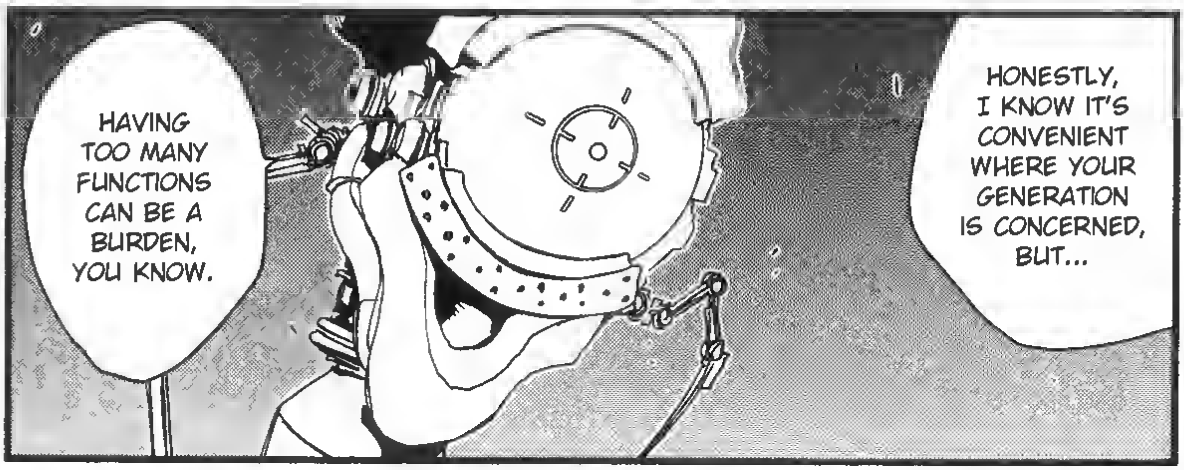
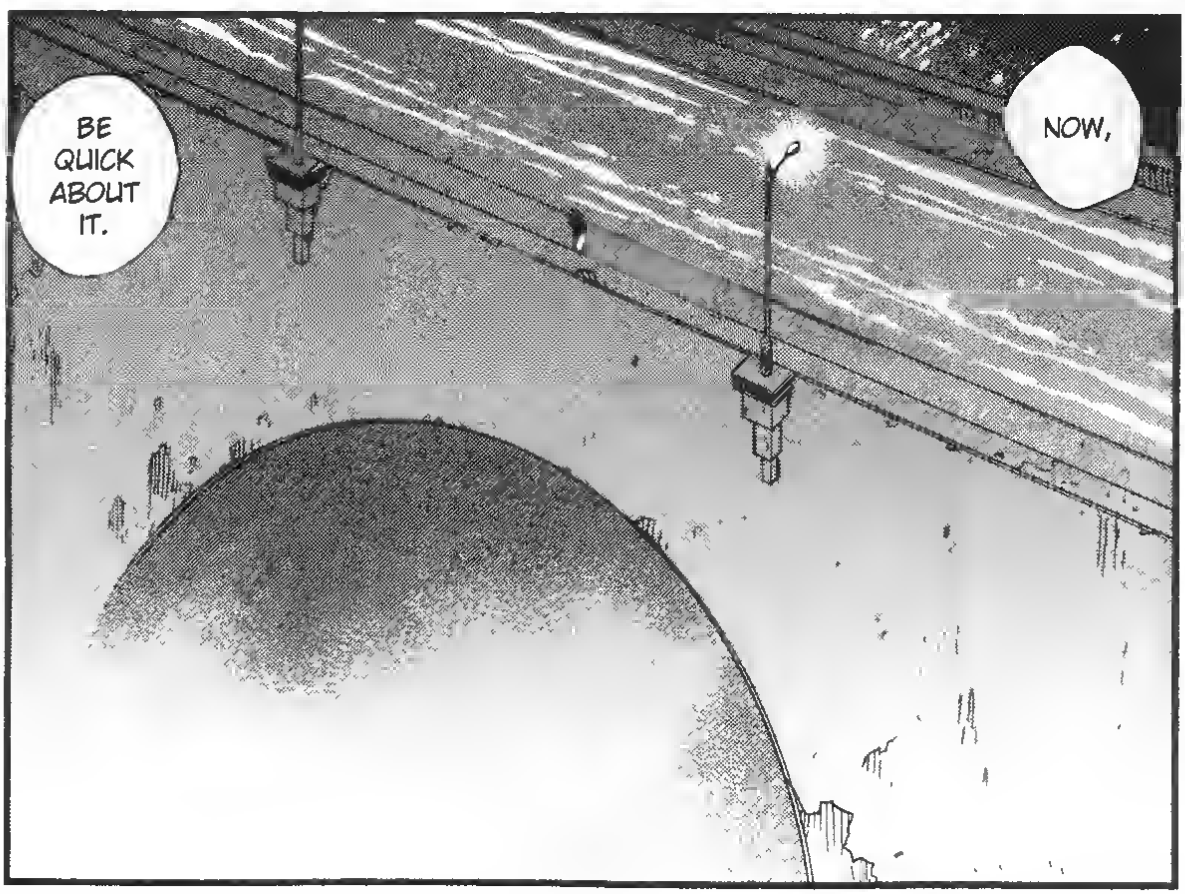

THAT A CALL WAS COMING.
?
...HOW DID YOU KNOW?

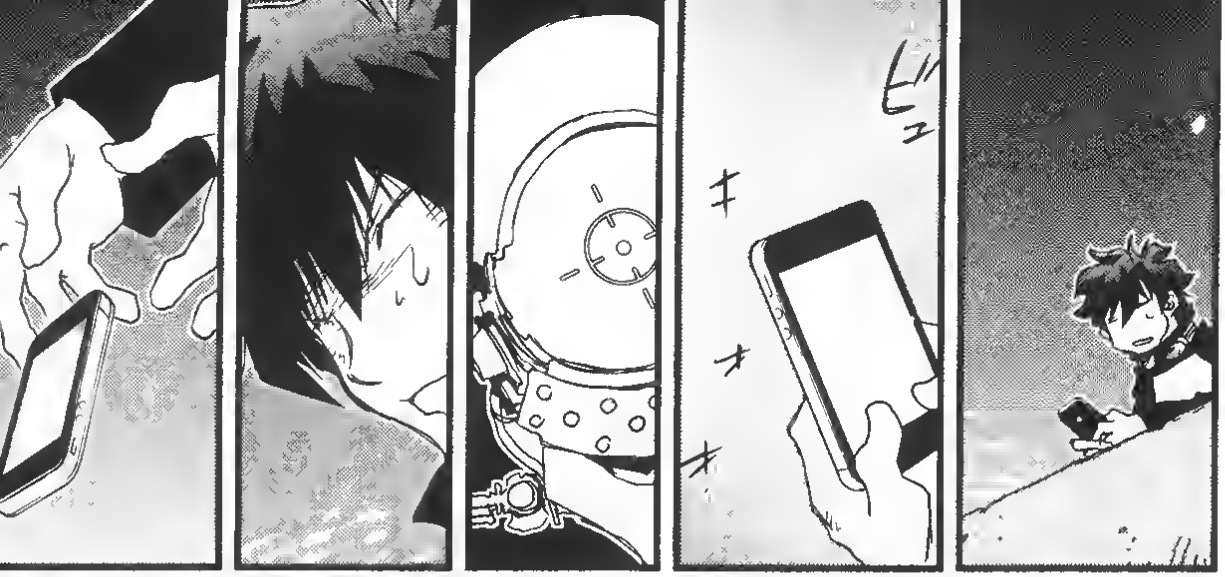

IF YOU SIMPLY LEFT WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE, OF COURSE THEY WOULD WANT TO CHECK UP ON YOU.
OH. WELL, THAT WAS QUITE THE BATTLE AFTER ALL.


DISPOSE OF YOUR PHONE HERE.
NOW,


NO ONE WILL TRY TO CALL ANYMORE, CORRECT?
HUH?


HAVING TOO MANY FUNCTIONS CAN BE A BURDEN, YOU KNOW.
HONESTLY, I KNOW IT'S CONVENIENT WHERE YOUR GENERATION IS CONCERNED, BUT...


BE QUICK ABOUT IT.
NOW,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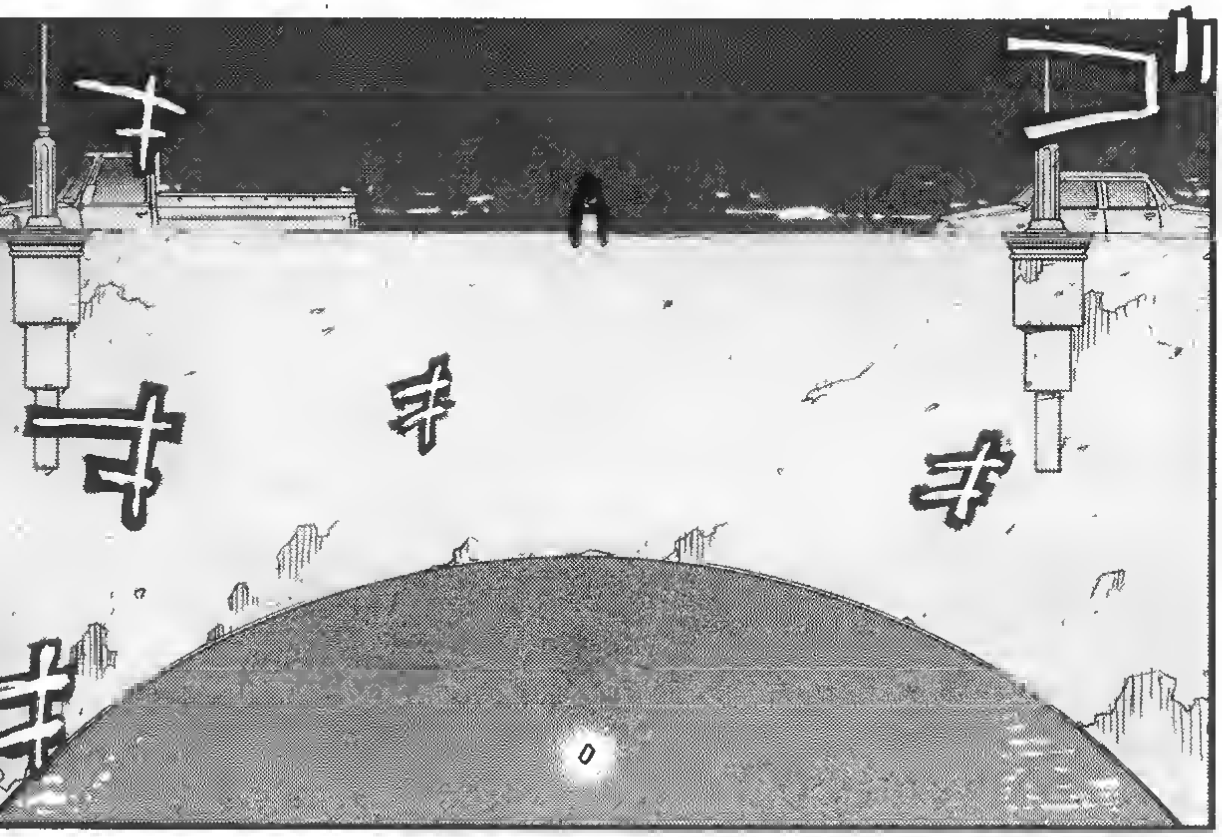

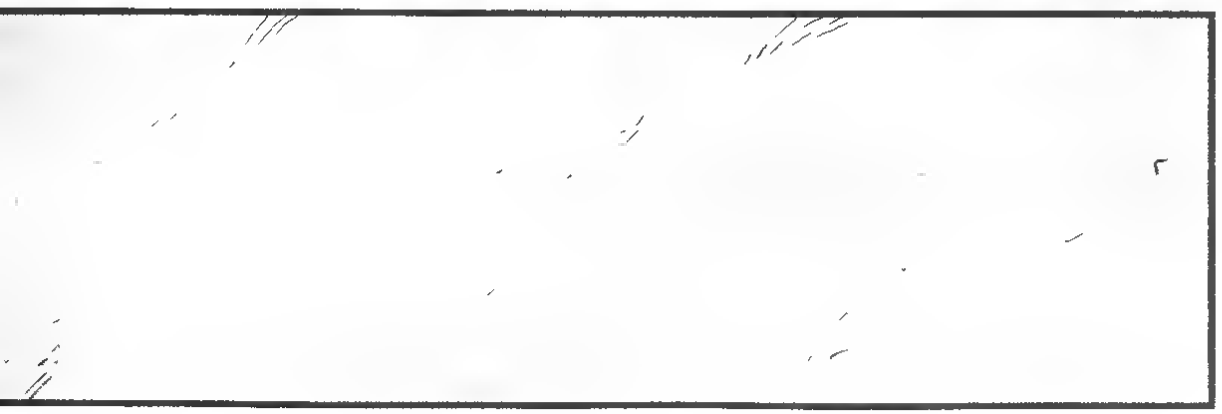

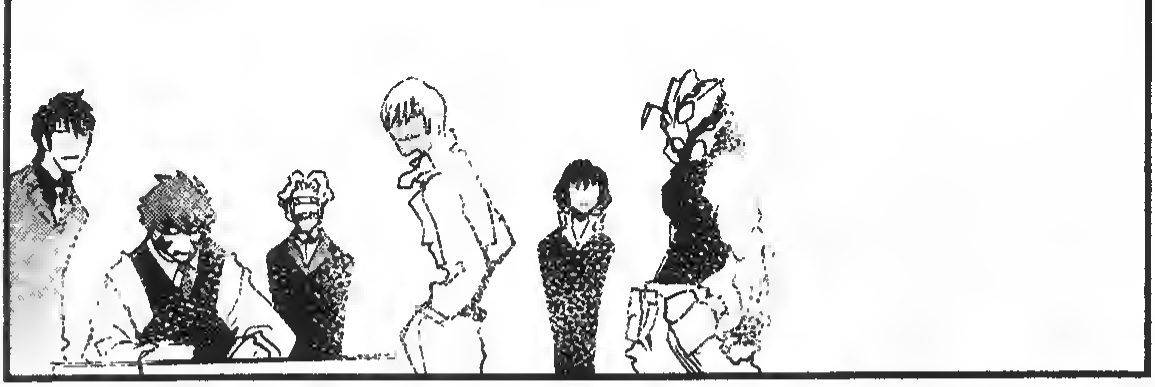

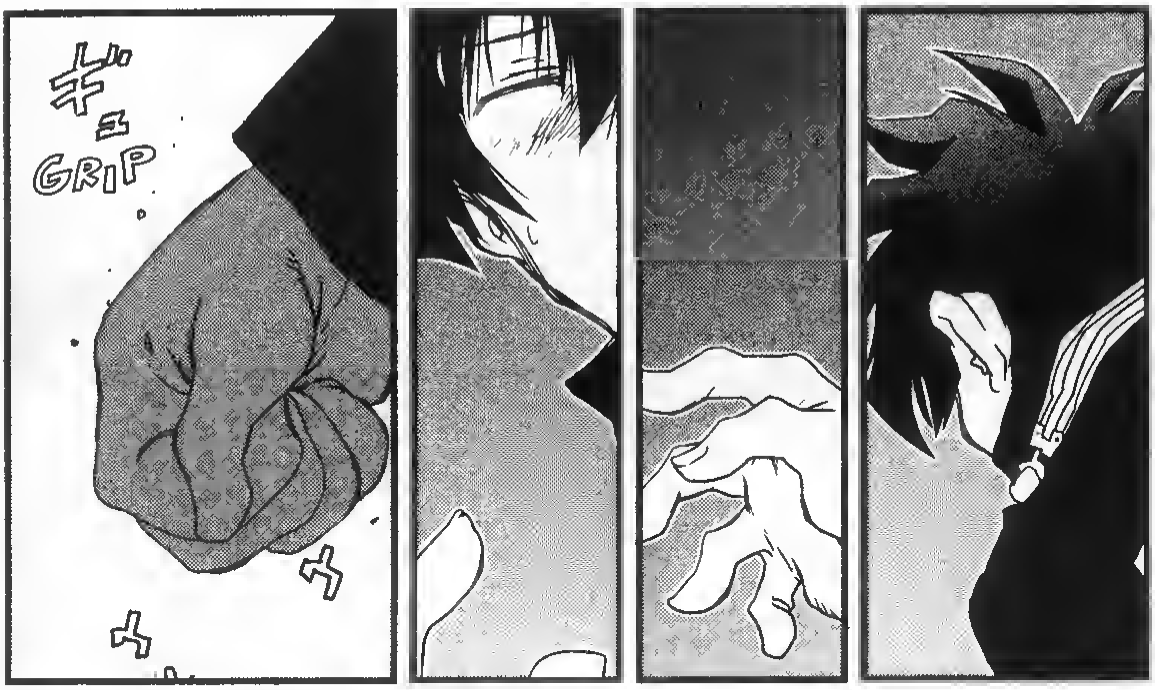
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DAMN IT...
EVEN IF I TRIED,
TREMBLE
THERE'S NOTHING I COULD DO THAT WOULDN'T BACKFIRE HORRIBLY.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY...!!

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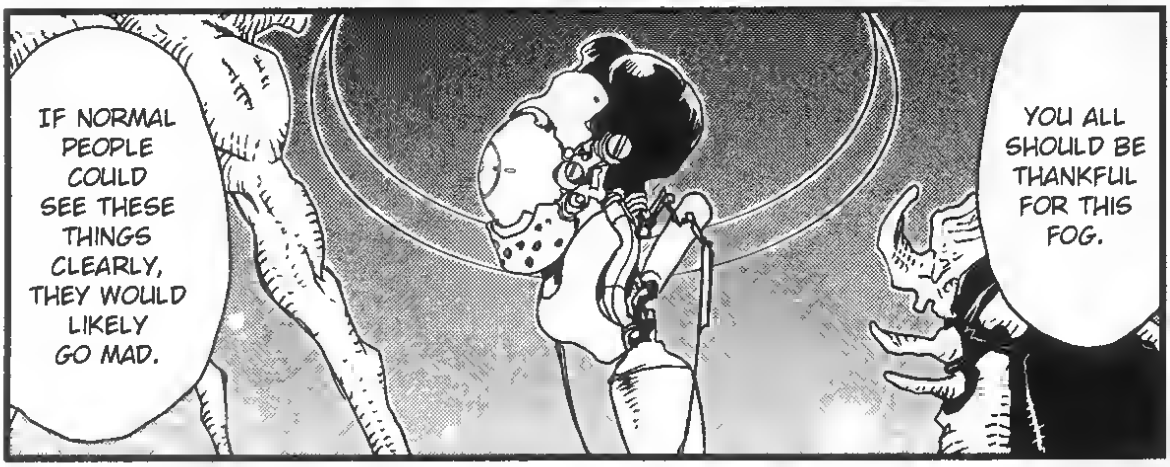
Poke

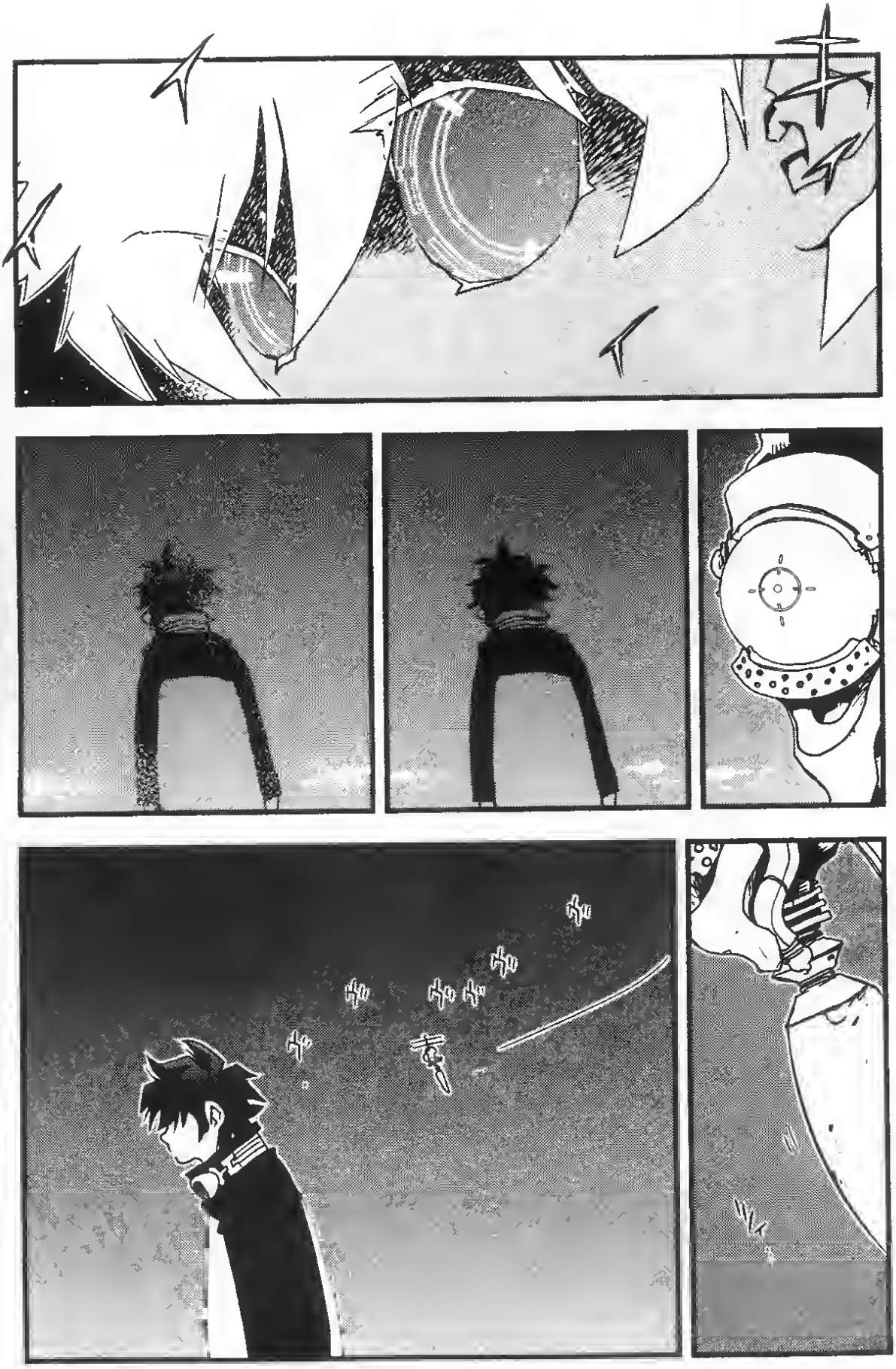
SO--
!?
WHAT'S WRONG?
...?

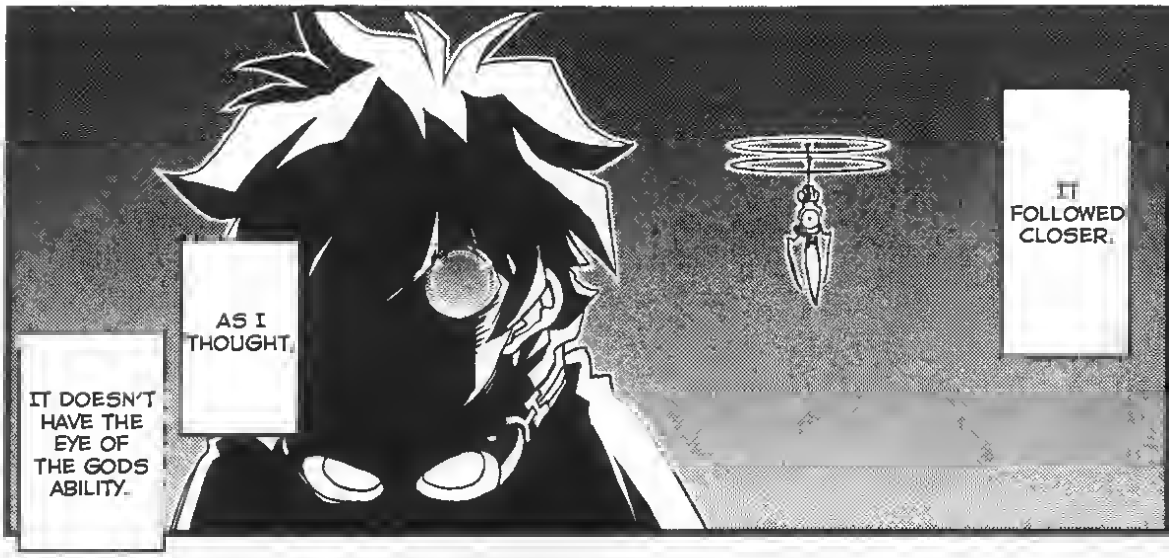
HE...
DIDN'T SEE...?
...BUT,
...NO-THING.
IS THAT SO?
THEN DO HURRY IT UP A BIT.

ONE CAN SEE ODDITIES EMERGING FROM THE HAZE THAT WOULD ONLY BE ENCOUNTERED ONCE IN A DECADE, IF YOU WERE LUCKY.
WHAT A STRANGE CITY THIS IS.
WITHIN A FEW STEPS,


IF NORMAL PEOPLE COULD SEE THESE THINGS CLEARLY, THEY WOULD LIKELY GO MAD.
YOU ALL SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR THIS FOG.

IT'S NOW OR NEVER.
I HAVE TO GIVE IT A SHOT.




IT DOESN'T HAVE THE EYE OF THE GODS ABILITY.
AS I THOUGHT.
IT FOLLOWED CLOSER.

I'D CONVINCED MYSELF I COULDN'T FIGHT HIM FROM THE START.
I WAS OVER-LOOKING SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
.....

SONIC ...!!
THANK YOU.

HEY...!!
WHY ARE YOU GOING INTO A BACK ALLEY...?
IT'S FINE. THIS IS A SHORT-CUT.

HOLD IT,
HUMA KID.

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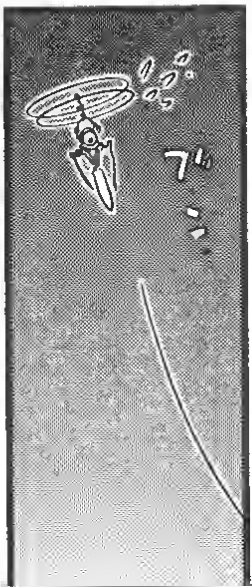
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...TAKE OUT YOUR MONEY,
AND HAND IT OVER.
BETTER YET, YOU COULD GIVE US YOUR ORGANS TOO.
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KA-CHACK
OR ELSE...
SHING
THIS IS WHY I TRIED TO WARN YOU, DIDN'T I?
IT WOULD BE UNTHINK-ABLE FOR THE EYES TO BE STOLEN!
HEY, HEY...!
TAKING YOUR ORGANS? THESE GUYS MEAN BUSINESS!
I TOLD YOU, IT'S FINE.
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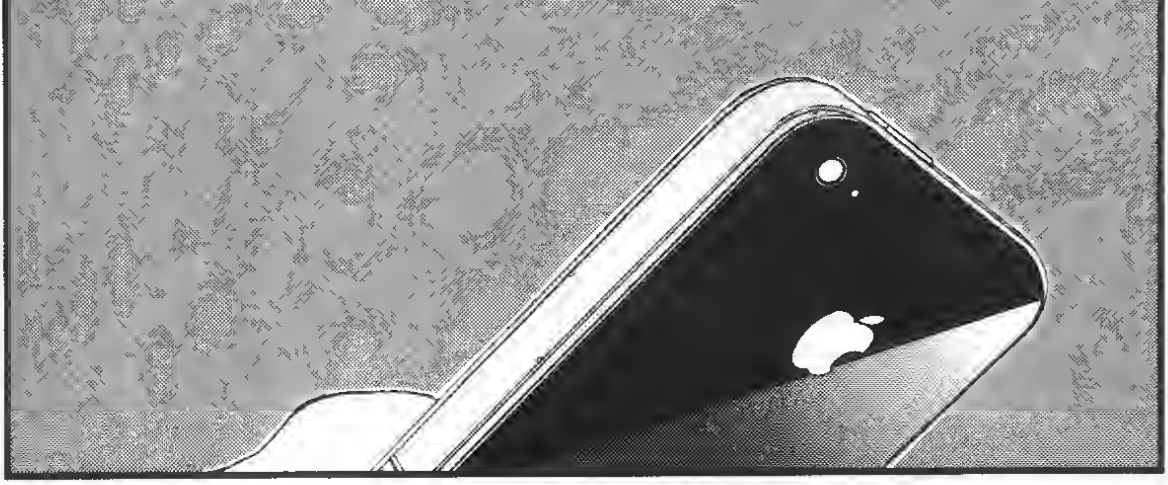
SHUFFLE
視野
VISION
ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP
DAMN IT!
GET BACK HERE...!!

!!
SHIT!
THE FOG IS...!!

SKREEE
CRASH

MY FIELD OF VISION SUDDENLY...
I'M SO SORRY!! ARE YOU OKAY!?
-COUGH-
UUGGHHH... AAHHH...
THAT SON OF A BITCH...!!
SLAM!!
VROOOOM
HE GOT AWAY...!!
.....
DO I LOOK... OKAY? GET OVER HERE, YOU ASSHOLE!
...AUGH!
!!
...WHERE DID HE GO...?
LEONAR-DO...!?
I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH FROM YOU...!!
FOUND ME, HUH?
SHIT.



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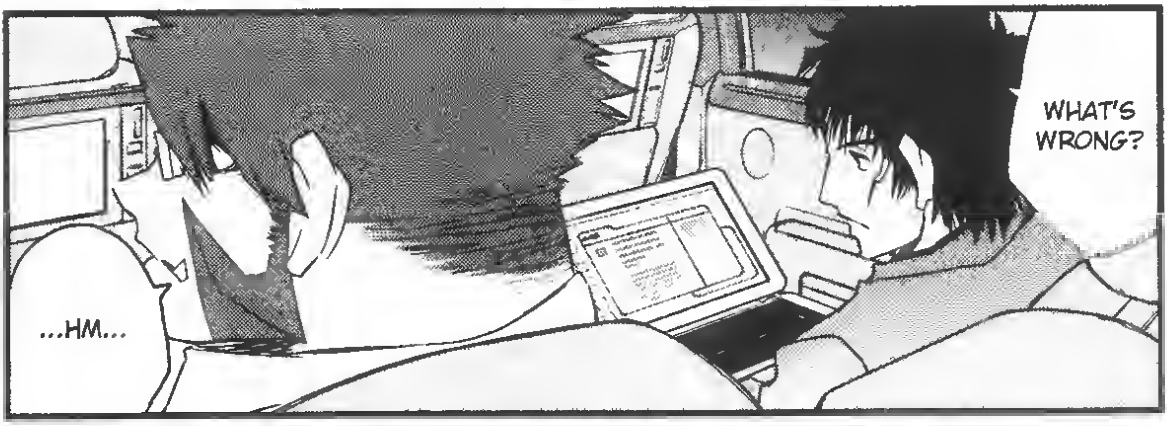
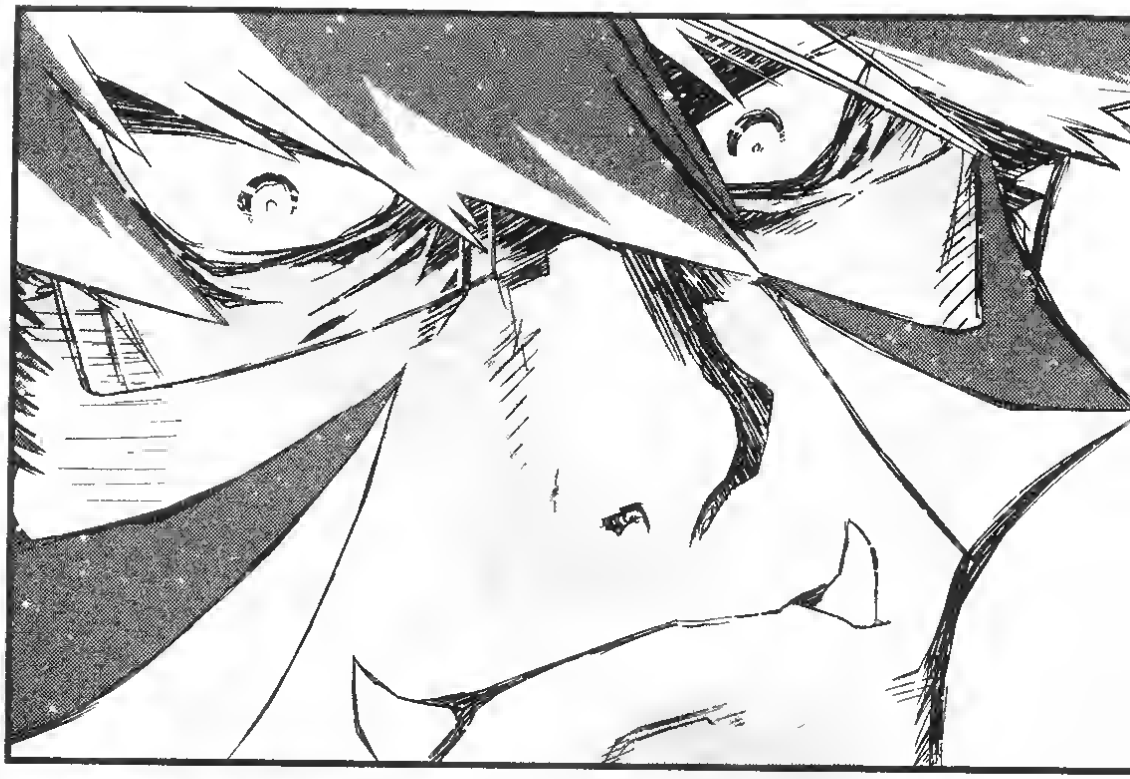
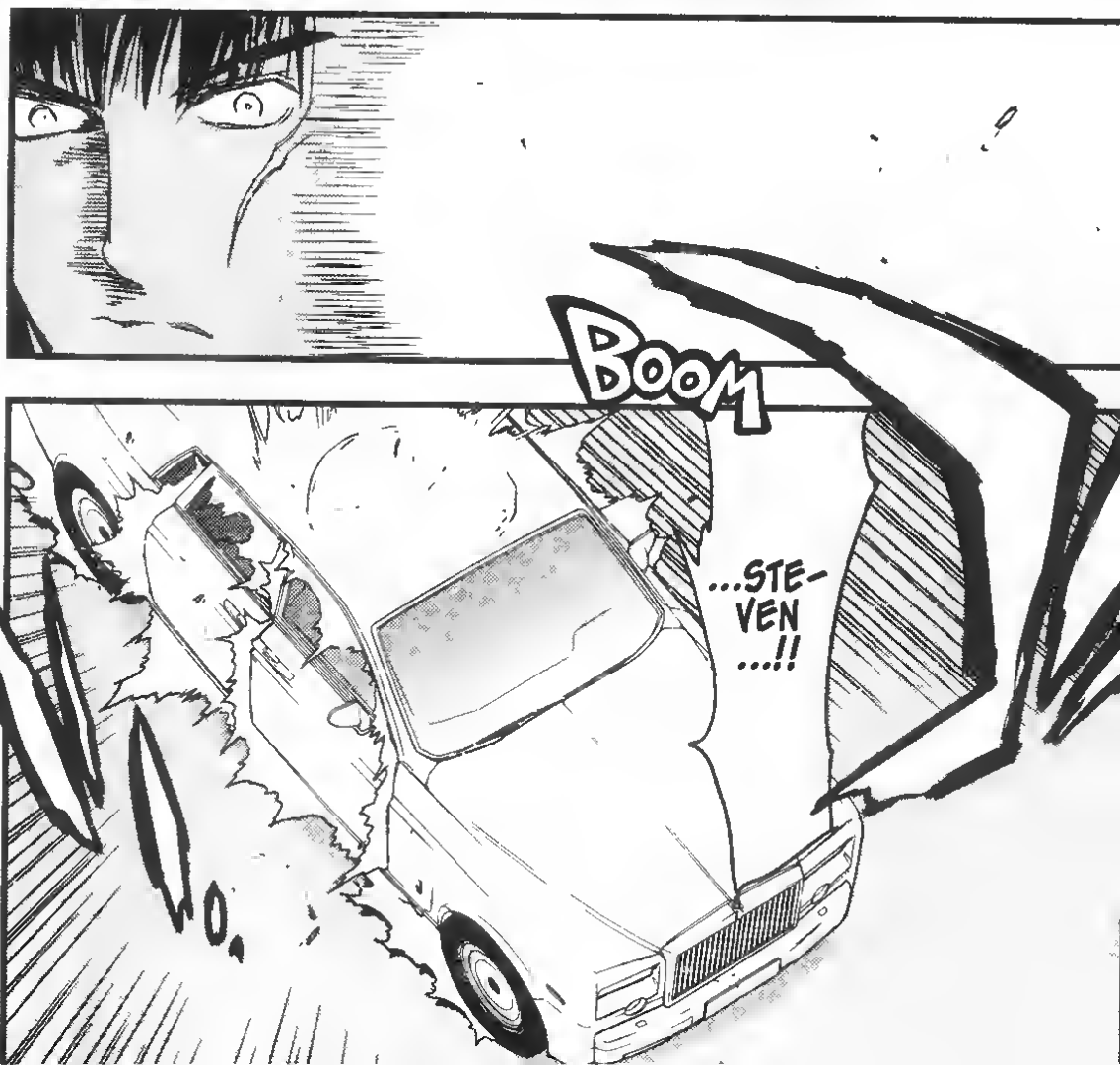

WHAT'S WRONG?
...HM...

SEEMS UNUSUAL TODAY?
DO YOU THINK LEO-NAR-DO...
BUT,
NO.
STEVEN.
IN FACT, HE SEEMS AS NORMAL AS EVER.
.....
HE'S CERTAINLY...
WELL,
NOT THE TYPE TO LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.

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WH...
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WH-
...WHAT IS IT!?
THIS IS AN EMER-GENCY!
PUT ALL UNITS ON STANDBY!

SLAM
KREEE
TAXI

KLAUS ...!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

I MADE A MISTAKE.
WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE SOONER ...!?

HE'S NOT ANSWERING!
THE SIGNAL FROM HIS GPS IS LOST AS WELL.
THAT'S BAD.
ALL OF THIS HAPPENED IN SUCH A SHORT TIME...

NO.
THIS IS HIS MESSAGE FROM BEFORE.
THE TEXT APP FOR INPUTTING THE BLOOD BREED'S TRUE NAME?
THE SITUATION HAS BEEN PROGRESSING FOR A WHILE NOW.
IS THERE SOMETHING IN THIS NAME...!?
UNDER IT.
?

SEE HOW FAR THE BLANK SPACE BENEATH IT EXTENDS.

HLT 21:20 PM
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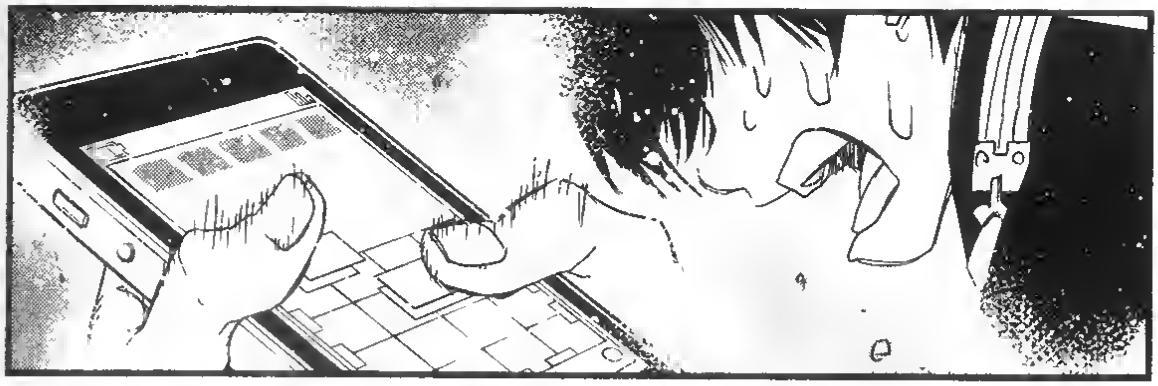
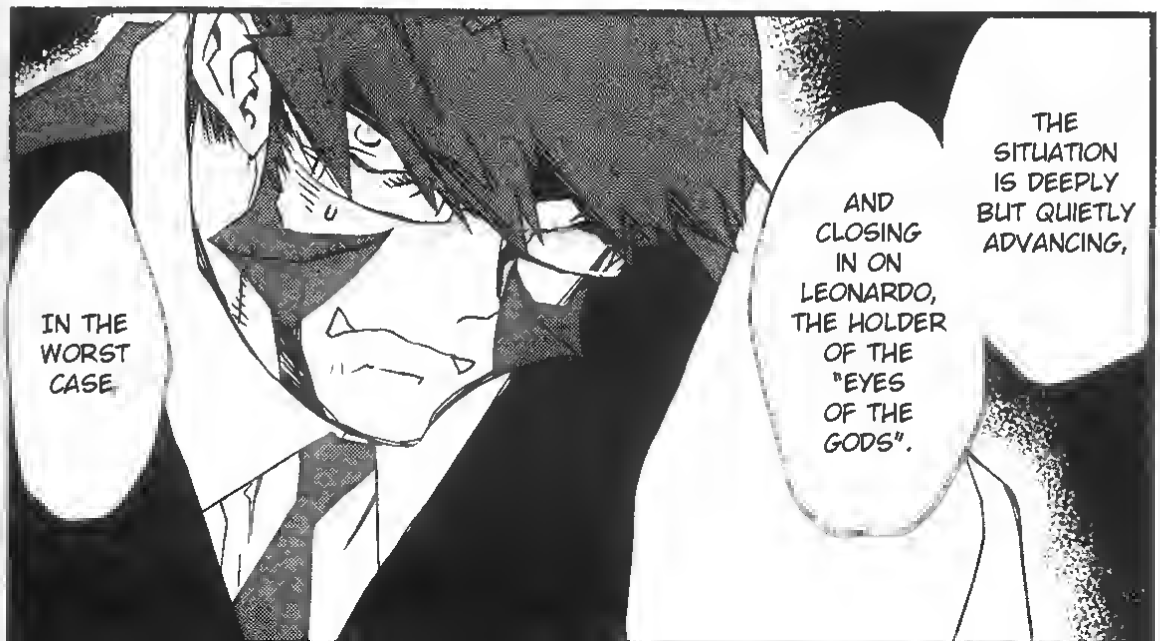
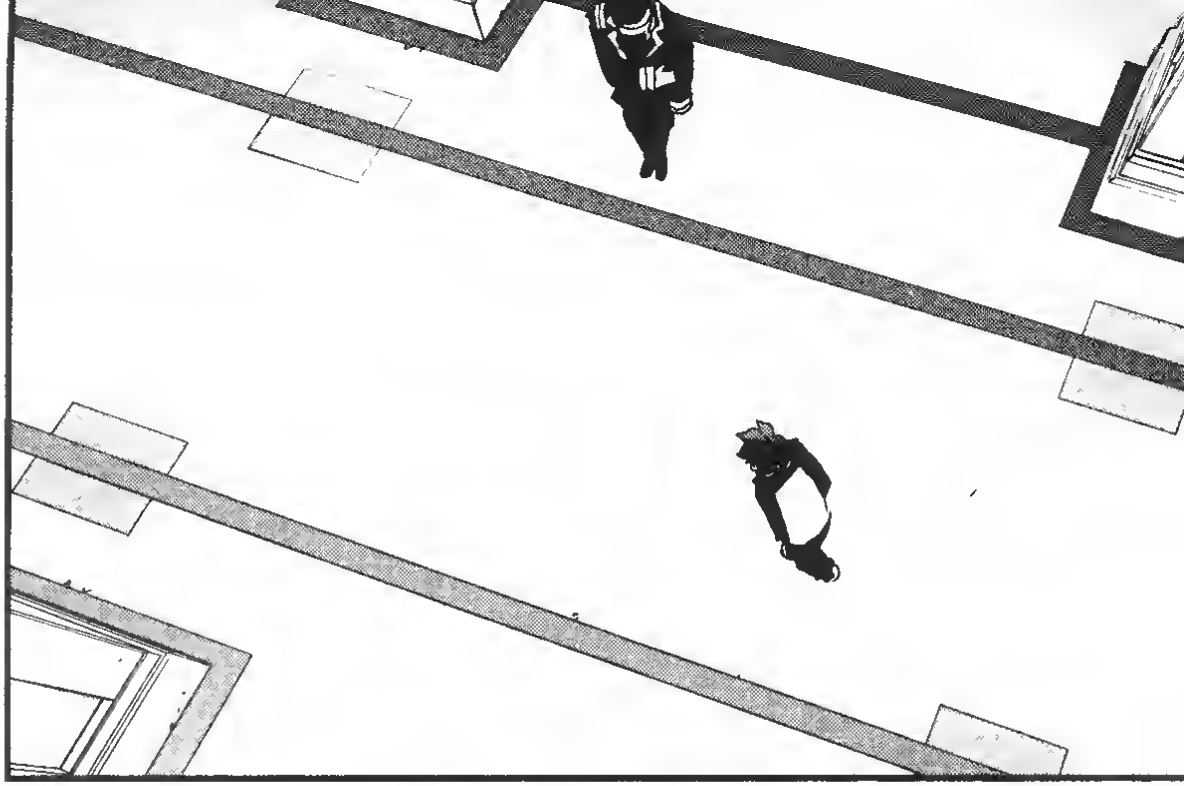
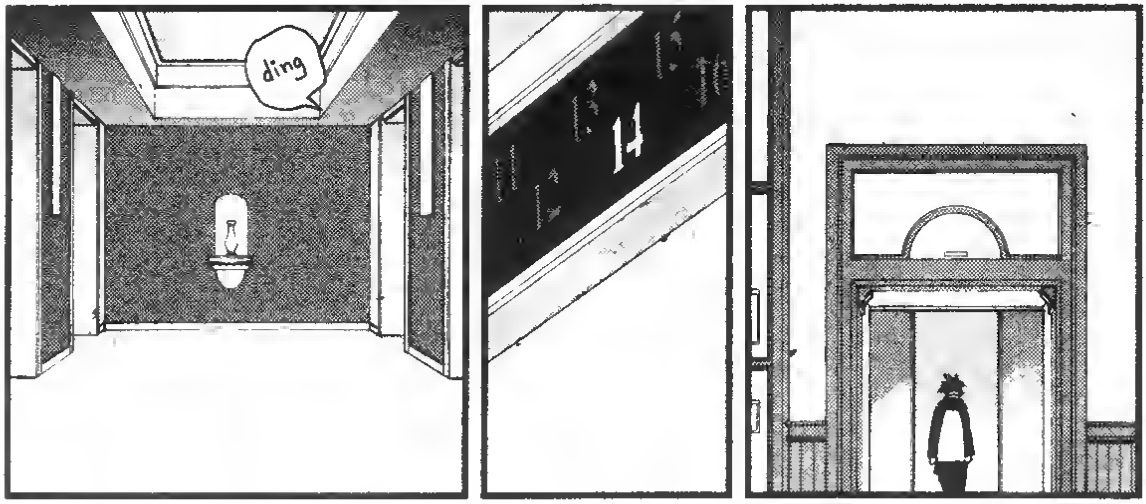



THE SITUATION IS DEEPLY BUT QUIETLY ADVANCING,
AND CLOSING IN ON LEONARDO, THE HOLDER OF THE "EYES OF THE GODS".
IN THE WORST CASE

THE CONFLICT HE'S BEING PLACED IN IS BEYOND OUR PERCEPTION.

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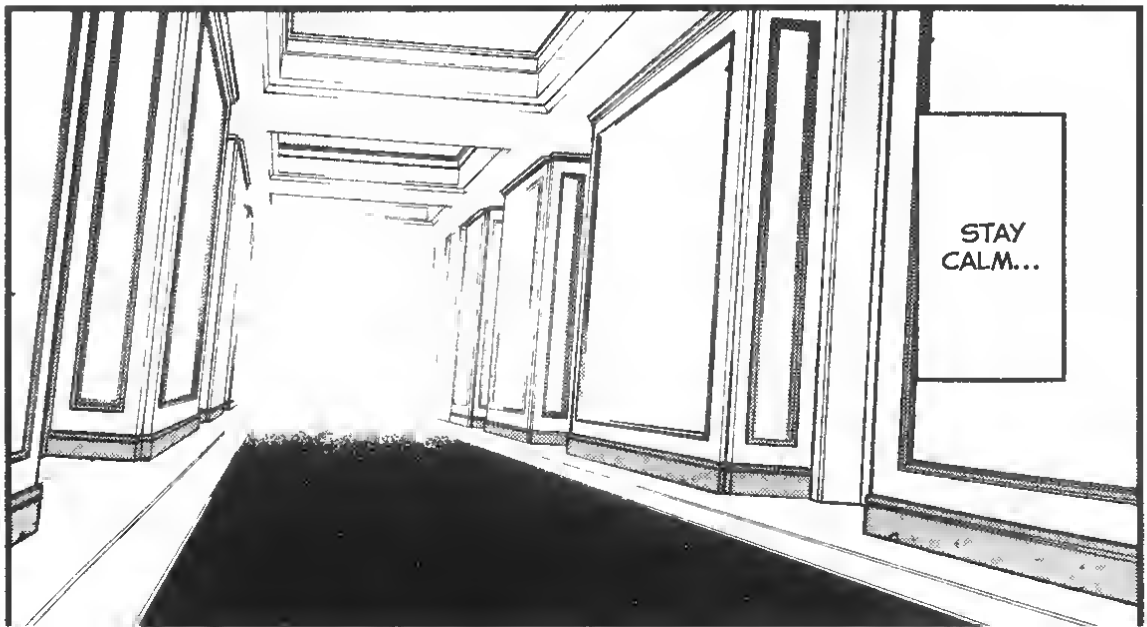
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SOME-
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FOR
HIM
TO
STRIKE
FIRST
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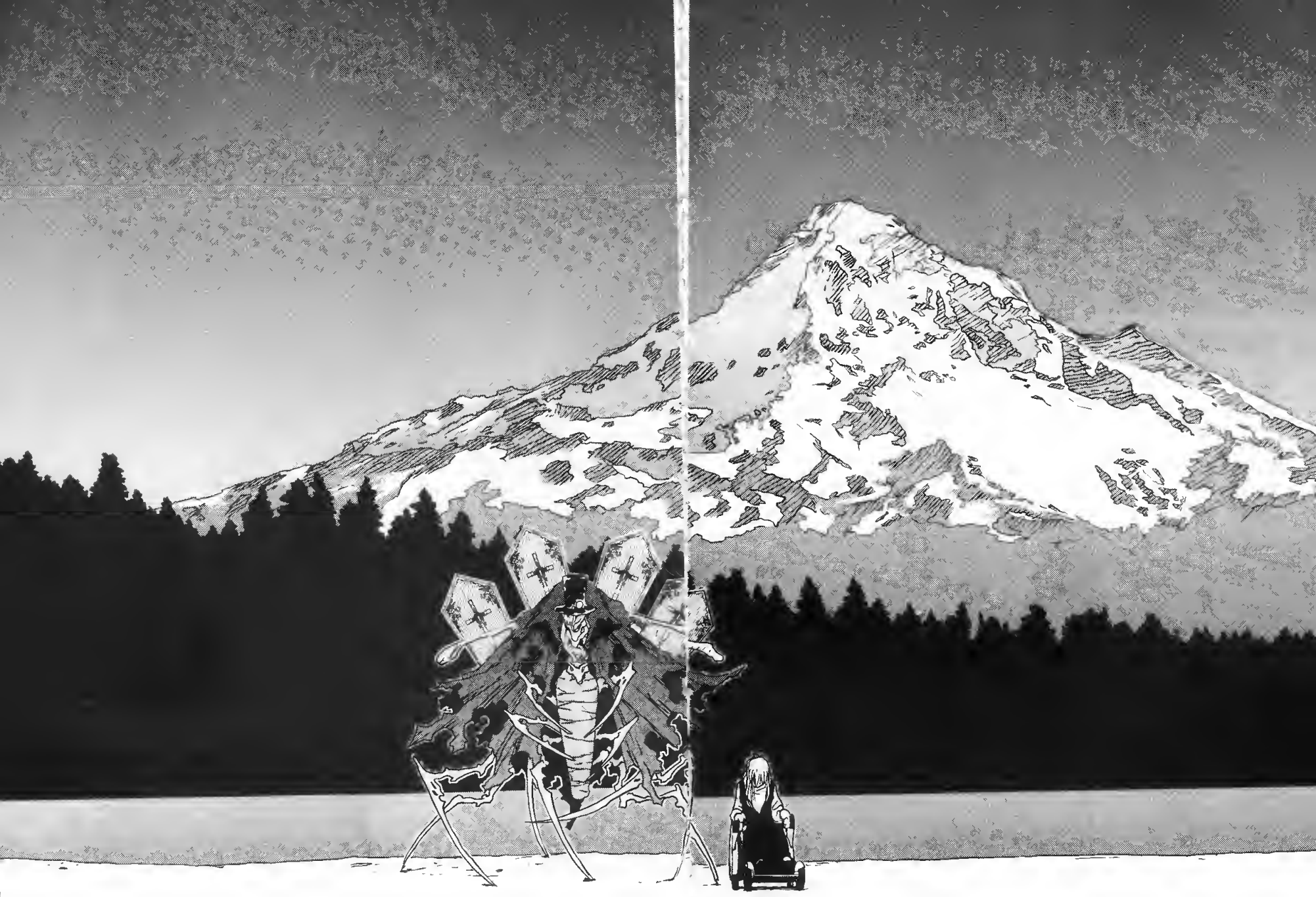
CLICK

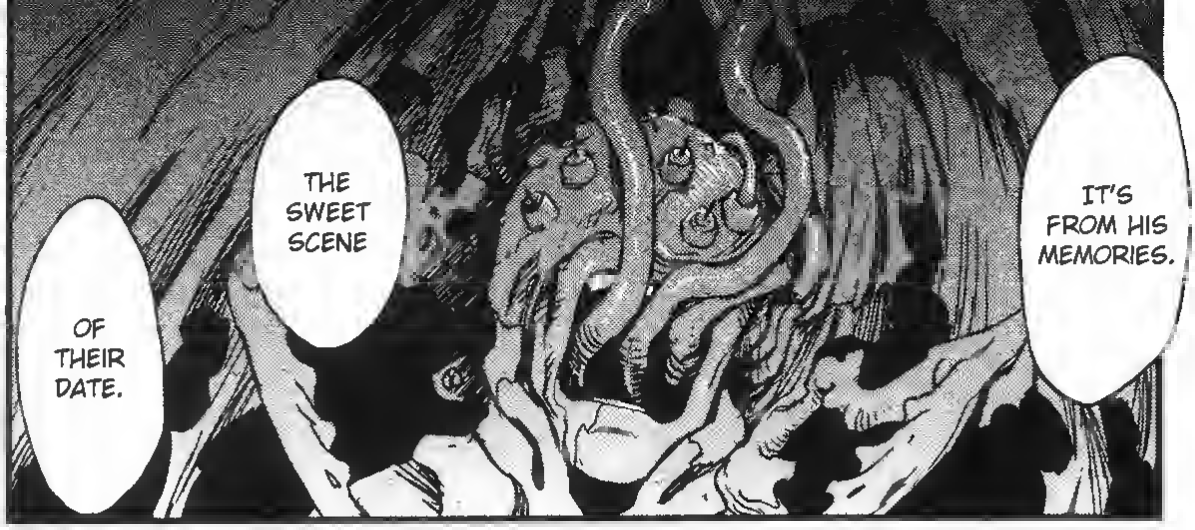


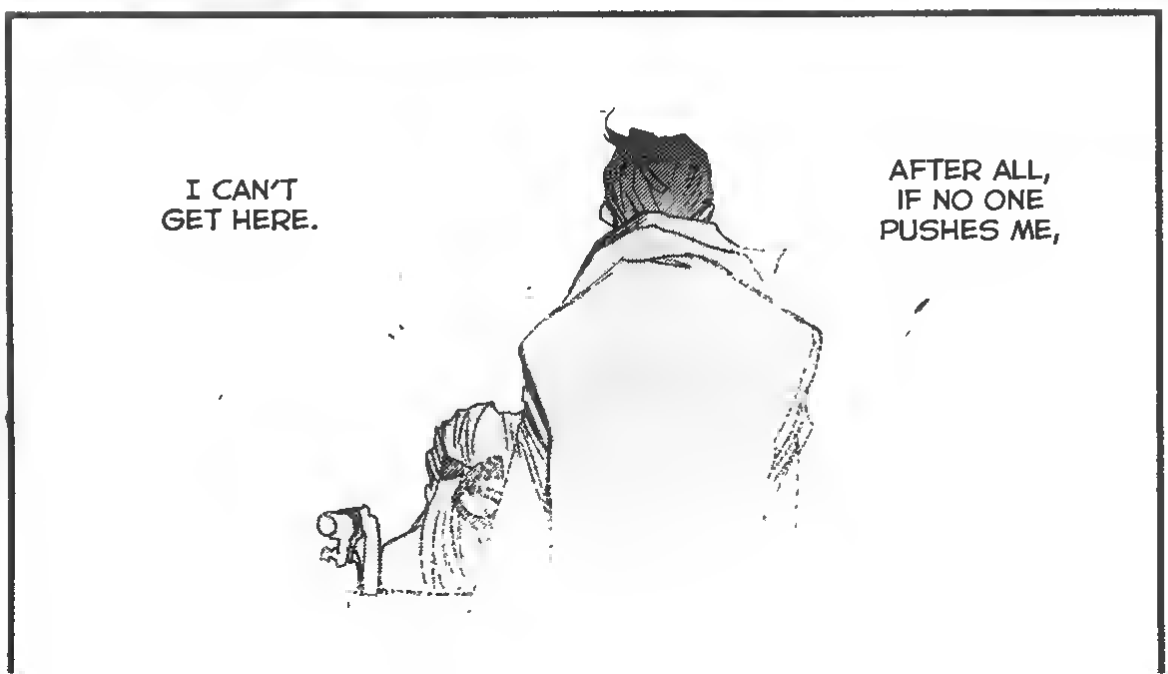
WELCOME BACK.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
DO YOU

MISS THIS PLACE?
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU LAST RETURNED?

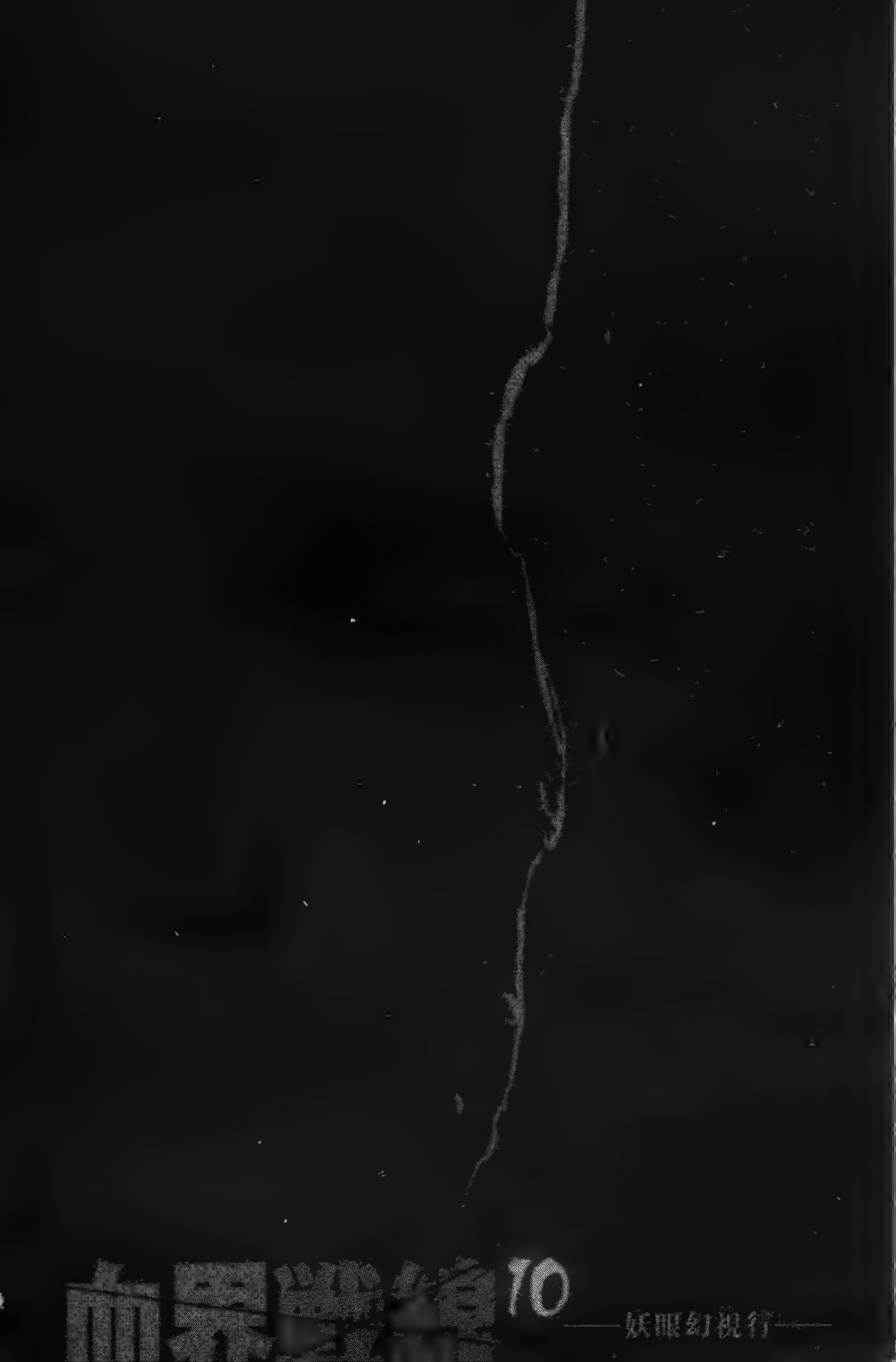
WHY HERE...?

WH... WHY?


IT'S FROM HIS MEMORIES.
THE SWEET SCENE
OF THEIR DATE.


I CAN'T GET HERE.
AFTER ALL, IF NO ONE PUSHES ME,

KLANG
SHAK
SHAK
SHAK
OH MY.
WHAT SORT OF BEHAVIOR IS THIS?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